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Attention: Examiner Barbara P. Badio
Group Art Unit: 1616

Applicants:

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Pharmaceutical and Food

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Dear Madame:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action indicated as having been mailed on August 8, 2003. Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 - 9 (Cancelled)

Claim 10 (New): A method for isolating a mixture of primary alyphatic alcohols from saponifiable matter of tall oil soap, where said method comprises the steps of:

distilling unsaponifiable matter of tall oil soap to produce a distillate;

dissolving said distillate in methanol to form a solution;

cooling down said solution to form a precipitate; and

recovering said precipitate where said precipitate consists essentially of:

1-10 wt. % of 1-octadecanol,